

## Memorial march Jan. 18

By Valerie Evenden

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there will be singing, and proclamations will be read from various cities and organizations, Rev. Williams said.

Membership cards will be available at the service for persons wishing to become members of the NAACP, Madison-Venice Branch, Rev. Wilson said.

Mrs. Reponzell Morris, New Salem Church clerk, is assisting in arranging the anniversary event. Dr. King began his civil rights movement in 1955 when he led a boycott of buses in Montgomery, Ala., to protest discrimination against black passengers.

HIS EFFORTS to gain equality through non-violent means won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, and his movement was largely responsible for passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Although he preached non-violence, Dr. King was the victim of much violence throughout his crusade.

The civil rights leader was assassinated on April 4, 1968, when shot by a rifleman while the pastor was standing on the balcony of a motel in Memphis, Tenn.

"Dr. King was truly a man of God," said Rev. Williams. "He inspired us all, along with millions of other people around the world."

DURING SUNDAY'S program, national Association for the Advancement of Colored People, headed by the Rev. Harold Wilson Sr., and Urban League members.

GUEST SPEAKER at the memorial service will be the Rev. Dr. John H. Rouse, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church of East St. Louis.

"Everyone is invited to hear this dynamite speaker of God," Rev. Williams said.

"Let us keep the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. alive. The public is welcome to share the birthday of Dr. King with us," the minister said.

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Of special concern to the aldermen was the fact that rates for senior

citizens more than doubled under the new rate schedule.

Venice seniors previously paid a special discount rate of \$4.20 per month for basic service, which now has increased to \$8.35 for them.

Basic service for all Quad-City Area residents who are not classified as senior citizens now costs \$10.95 monthly.

VENICE AND MADISON residents previously paid \$8.40 per month, so the increase to the current \$10.95 level is larger, Bob Owen, Council group vice president of operations, explained Wednesday.

Granite City subscribers paid \$8.80 per month for basic service under the former rate schedule, he said.

When Venice aldermen continued to discuss the subject further, Echols suggested looking closely at the franchise agreement.

"THERE COULD be something in there we are missing.

"Maybe we're not going to stop the See CABLE, Page 6A)

## Early start



SHOVELING THE WHITE STUFF didn't upset Delmer Shirley of 1033 Reynolds St. in Madison early Friday morning. He got a headstart on the snow which reached nearly a foot deep in some areas by sundown. Snow blowers and shovels were put into service earlier than expected when the winter storm reached the metropolitan area about 12 hours before forecasts indicated.

(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

## Cable rates ruffle aldermen

By Valerie Evenden

VENICE — Displeasure with Cencom Cable Television and the company's recent boost in service rates expressed Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Especially irked was 3rd Ward Alderman John Erwin, who said, "This new outfit came here and made this big presentation to the council about all they were going to do for us. Then, the senior citizens and young folks get a raise in rates."

THE BIGGEST thing is the increase in the basic rate, it's now double for seniors, I don't think there is too much we can do about it, though," the alderman said.

"The only recourse by the public that I can see is not to subscribe," Mayor Tyrone Echols said.

"They can't come before the council and ask if they can raise it (rates). Since deregulation, they can do it," the mayor added.

"I SEEM to remember them saying they did not foresee an increase

in the near future. I guess it is a matter of semantics...what you call the near future.

"Maybe he meant not that week," Echols said.

"I don't think that South-Western (former owner of the cable franchise) was losing money. I guess we should have taken advantage of the (franchise) option to look over their books. Certainly, if you are losing money you can justify an increase."

VENICE WAS ONE community that did not approve the franchise transfer from South-Western to Cencom, the mayor said.

"But that didn't make any difference," he added.

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## Gates are ordered for Lake Drive crossing

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Commerce Commission on Jan. 7 ordered major safety improvements be made at the Lake Drive traffic-light crossing in Pontoon Beach, including installation of automatic flashing light signals and gates controlled by motion-sensor circuitry.

Also included in the project will be improved highway approaches to the Chicago & Northwestern and Norfolk & Western tracks at this location.

TOTAL COST of the project is estimated to be \$12,239.

The cost of installation of the signals and gates is estimated at \$120,550, of which about 90 percent

(\$108,539) will be paid from federal funds and 10 percent (\$12,000) from the Illinois Grade Crossing Protection Fund. The ICC administers the fund.

The village and township will divide the cost of the highway approach work, with Pontoon Beach paying an estimated \$26,700 and Nameoki Township contributing \$5,000 for the work.

State Sen. Sam Vadalabene of Edwardsville noted the crossing is "currently protected only by crossbuck signs, which provide insufficient warning of train traffic at the busy crossing."

"WITH AN AVERAGE of 11 See GATES, Page 6A)

## Board considers repairs

By Dave Gosnell

GRANITE CITY — A request to ordered money for heating and cooling system repairs at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College will be made again at BAC's regular meeting this month.

The BAC Board of Trustees in December turned down a special tax levy that would have provided funds for the \$400,000 GCC project. The levy would have also paid for repairs to BAC's welding lab and for liability insurance on the school's aviation program. The projects totaled \$811,670.

THE BOARD previously supported the projects. But, with only four of the seven members attending the meeting, the tax measure to pay for the projects went down to defeat in a 2-2 vote.

"We will reintroduce the problem," said BAC Chancellor Bruce Wissore.

Wissore said repairs and replacements to GCC's 24 rooftop heating and cooling units must be done.

"That (canceling the project) is not an option if we are going to stay in that building," Wissore said.

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## He's done taxes for 50 years

By Bill Bagby

GRANITE CITY — In 50 years of preparing income tax returns, Ivan Harrison has seen a lot of changes.

Harrison, who is 90 years old, said he started preparing tax returns in 1937, the first year filing was required.

## Sunday focus

TAX FORMS, he said, have become more complicated over the years, forcing people to consult tax experts.

Harrison said he once completed a tax return for a former Granite City bank president who didn't know where to sign the form or where to look on the form to see how much he owed.

"So many of them make out their returns incorrectly," he said.

MANY TAX exemptions added since 1937 will not be allowed under the new tax law, Harrison said.

These include exemptions for sales taxes paid on new cars, interest on loans, and fees for tax consultants, he said.

Charitable donations will have to be claimed on an itemized form (1040) instead of the short form (1040A), he said.

Harrison said dependents will have to be listed by both name and Social Security number on 1987 tax returns. He said this is being done to avoid some listing a non-existent dependant, and to check on dependants who are being claimed but who have filed their own returns.

There have been some positive changes during the years, Harrison



FROM HIS OFFICE in his home at 2562 Cleveland Blvd., Ivan Harrison prepares a 1986 income tax return. Harrison, who is 90 years old, has prepared returns since 1937, the first year Americans were required to file them.

(Staff photo by Bill Bagby)

said. Deadlines for tax returns have been extended to April 15 from March 15, he said.

ONE MISTAKE many people

make, Harrison said, is not copying their return before sending it to the Internal Revenue Service.

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## Man, 80, dies after car hits garage Friday

The first major snowstorm of 1987 produced nine inches of snow Friday and a rash of traffic accidents, including one fatality in the Quad-City Area.

Ogle Smith, 80, of 2613 Cayuga St., a retired street department worker, was pronounced dead by Madison County Deputy Coroner Edward Morton in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center at 7:07 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Smith was driving west on Rock Road about 6 p.m. when his auto halted at a stop sign and then started turning left into Cayuga Street, a witness said.

The car continued straight ahead while making the turn and struck a garage at the home of Daniel Laswell, 2600 Cayuga St.

A police officer and an ambulance responded and medics began resuscitation measures at the scene, reports said. An obituary appears elsewhere in today's issue.

An autopsy was scheduled to be performed Saturday and an inquest is pending. Damage to the Laswell garage was estimated at more than \$250.

A total of 16 traffic accidents occurred Friday in Granite City, with two persons injured at 6 a.m. in a four-car mishap on Illinois 162 near Maryville Road.

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Ogle Smith

## Madison mauls Wellston

In one of the few games that wasn't canceled as a result of heavy snow, the Trojans of Madison beat the Trojans of Wellston. For details, see Page 12A.

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# Who benefits from advance tuition?

**SPRINGFIELD** — The state of Michigan may have come up with a way to help parents counteract the inflationary costs of education, and some lawmakers in Illinois want this state to follow suit.

Sen. Earleen Collins, D-Chicago, already has introduced a bill that would establish an advanced tuition payment system for Illinois colleges and universities.

Her proposal would allow parents to contribute a relatively small amount of money early in their child's life to guarantee free tuition at a state school later. The parental contribution would earn interest in a state-run investment pool and would be expected to cover the cost of tuition later.

Collins, in announcing her initiative, noted that costs at the University of Illinois jumped 44 percent between 1981 and 1985, a rate of increase 2.5 times greater than the rate of inflation.

"State and federal support for higher education is diminishing, and the funds available are just not going to be able to meet the needs of future generations of young adults," she said. "Illinois must develop a plan to make higher education accessible to everyone."

News that Michigan was considering such a plan led lawmakers last year to request a study of the issue by the staff of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. That study, completed recently, reviews similar plans offered by pri-

vate colleges and the proposed plans in Michigan, Wisconsin and New Jersey.

Michigan became the first state to adopt the idea when the state Senate approved the bill introduced by Gov. James Blanchard in December.

Theoretically, the plan would allow a parent to contribute a set amount upon a child's birth. That tax-exempt contribution would earn interest in a trust fund to keep up with increases in public university tuition costs.

The original contribution, plus interest, but minus an administration fee, could be withdrawn to help cover tuition if the student decided to attend a private college.

The BHE study concludes an advanced tuition plan would encourage families to save for college expenses, promote enrollment in state-supported schools, and allow the state to meet a real need.

It found some disadvantages, however. The state would be bearing the investment income could match inflationary increases in tuition. The state also would lose tax revenue from the tax exemption of the plan and assume the administrative cost of operating the trust.

The concept also raises some major policy questions.

The first involves the tax exemption. Most analysts agree that an advanced tuition payment program needs tax-exempt status to

attract participation.

The success of such a program depends on a high degree of participation for two reasons. First, and most obvious, if the program is not used by the vast majority of the state's residents, it has little justification. Second, the larger the investment pool, the more likely the trust managers will be able to reap the kinds of returns needed to cover tuition inflation.

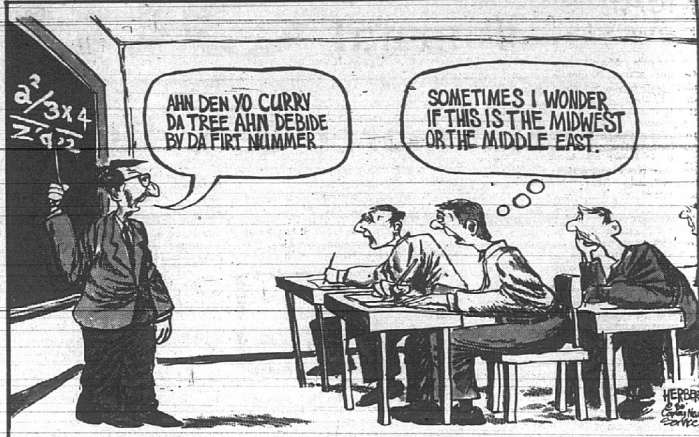
But the Internal Revenue Service has yet to make a ruling on the status of such plans. BHE Executive Director Richard Wagner believes no other state will enact an advanced tuition payment plan until the IRS rules on the Michigan proposal.

"It wouldn't make any sense for a state to go ahead with the program if it is taxable," said Buddy Blakey, a member of U.S. Sen. Paul Simon's staff.

Blakey said the new tax law will impose income taxes on scholarships and on interest earned on money set aside by parents for their children's education. An advanced tuition payment plan would be of little value if it is not protected from taxation in some way.

But even more important is the second issue of who will actually benefit from advanced tuition payment programs.

Collins represents a district that is 75 percent black and economically depressed. Her constituents are most affected by the high cost



of college tuition, and she says her proposal is designed in part to assure that "everyone has the opportunity to attend college."

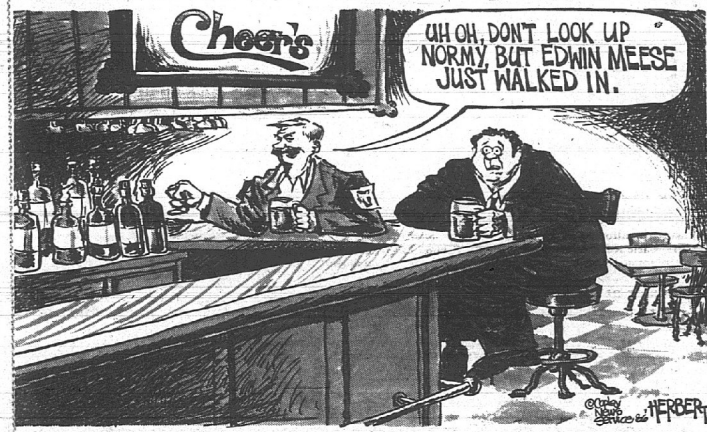
But the real beneficiaries of an advanced tuition payment plan would be those who could afford to plunk down a lump sum, perhaps \$5,000, when their baby is born.

Few parents in Collins' district fit that bill. A provision for installment payments could help, but annual payments would still be significant, and the total amount paid would have to be larger to make up for the lost interest in the early years of the child's life.

Advanced tuition payment plans may really be college aid for the

children of yuppies who, it could be argued, are the one group of people who are likely to find a way to pay for college no matter how expensive tuition becomes in the future.

(Jeff Brody is statehouse bureau chief and a columnist for the *State Journal-Register* in Springfield.)



# Green thumb is restless as white covers my garden

With all the hustle and bustle related to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, everyone is now getting back to a normal routine, with less stress.

To relax one night after work, I picked up a home-garden oriented magazine and was at first surprised to see an article on beginning plans for a summer garden.

I am just now beginning to unwind after the holidays and immediately I must begin another project to take me through the spring planting.

Not everybody wants to plant seedlings in the house and nurture them until time to plant them outdoors.

However, for those who take gardening seriously or as a favorite hobby, it is time to think of the type of flowers or vegetables you want to enjoy from spring through late fall.

Perhaps this would be a rewarding project to begin in the dull, cold winter months when very little grows outdoors — and the yard has a bleak look to it.

Imagination can help if one can look out the window and think, "I would like to see a group of blooming roses from this vantage."

**Columnists' Club**

By Donna Kimbro

Or, "Tomato plants drooping with the weight of firm, red tomatoes would sure be a welcome sight from this window."

What about the front yard? Does it need some additional landscaping to make it more attractive?

And think now about the nice green lawn you want this summer. What should you begin to do to get the grass to come up thick and green, without a new crop of weeds to mar its beauty?

With the thought of winter gardening uppermost in your mind, now you look for new magazines that feature special pages of instruction for gardening, visit the local garden shop or contact a conservation office for informational leaflets on

whatever problem you anticipate for the summer.

Suggestions that will help the gardener are easy to follow, even for a beginner, and the end results are worth all the trouble: Fresh vegetables all summer, as well as a riot of color in a well-planned flower garden.

Don't forget trees, including planting new ones to replace those that died and have been removed. Or you have a hot, sunny back lawn or front yard where shade would be welcome.

Greenhouse owners and garden shops can help you select the right tree for your purpose and one that will thrive in this climate the entire year.

Going from one season to the next can keep you busy — and can be a pleasant experience instead of drudgery if you plan in advance and are ready for the new spring growth in your yard. Pick up a few packets of seeds and start an indoor hot house for the plants you will want to transplant in your yard this springtime.

Preparing a cold frame for seeds is a help for an early harvest. Most

of the time you can have vegetables ready by July. Waiting until late spring, when the frost is gone, just means a harvest will be later in the summer.

Another concept is the raised garden plot that provides more space for plants and is easier to maintain.

This type of garden provides a pleasing area with walks between the plots so you can see all the plants as they grow and begin to vine on stakes. The mounds of the raised section are ready for planting much earlier than frozen, flat-ground garden space.

For the rose lover, don't forget the climbing variety that now is available in many different species and colors. Use them on a fence to hide a section of the yard you do not want seen. Or train them on a trellis, which is always a pleasant addition to any yard, especially when all the blooms are visible at one time.

Happy planting. And here's hoping you will have a beautiful and overwhelming harvest of flowers and foods.

# America buying American again

**By Paul Harvey**

The moderating value of the American dollar is attracting more foreign investment in the United States.

More and more American workers are employed by affiliates of foreign companies, mostly Japanese companies.

Most of the hundred biggest corporations in Germany are purchasing assets in the United States.

But this trend will moderate after Jan. 1 when accelerated depreciation on acquired assets came to an end.

Meanwhile, something else is happening at the retail level in the United States: More Americans are buying American.

At the huge True Value Hardware Market in Chicago recently, I was treated to a preview of new products for Christmas.

A "each and every" manufacturer demonstrated his new appliance, or whatever, he or she called my attention to its less obvious applications and advantages.

Then somewhere in the sales presentation of each manufacturer's representative, I heard a claim I'd not heard for a very long time.

After World War II, when the

USA label — with Americans of prominence affirming that they are buying only garments "made in the USA."

And now in the Christmas market — for the first time in many years — the ITT people wanted to be sure that I knew their telephone is "made in the USA."

Nordicware representatives wanted to be sure I knew that all of their products are "made in the USA."

And Oster and Bunn and Hamilton Beach and Presto and Daze... All wanted me to be sure to tell you that their products are "made in the USA."

Ed Lantieri of the True Value Co. said, "It has happened recently and suddenly."

He suspects that American wages have moderated while foreign workers' wages have escalated to where you now get more for your money in home-made things. "But," he said, "we are also selling three times as many American flags as five years ago."

Whatever the motivation for the new patriotism, it could substantially influence our horrendous foreign trade deficit. There is some evidence it already has.

# Letters

The *Press-Record/Journal* welcomes letters to the editor. Names, addresses and telephone numbers must accompany all letters.

Letters which are libelous or not in good taste will be rejected. Shorter letters will be given preference as will typed letters.

Responses will be withheld from publication only if there are compelling reasons. We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.

# Job sought alderman

To the editor:

Regarding the letter about Brett Hanke, we feel that some things should be set right.

Mr. Hanke did not ask for the job of public works director. He was asked by some respected private citizens and prominent politicians to submit a letter outlining what he would need to take the job. Mr. Hanke did.

I don't know what his salary is, but any professional engineer with 15 years' field experience is probably making at least \$40,000.

Based on that, he could not be expected to take a position without some assurance of permanence — a contract — and other compensations to equal his present salary.

Also, Mr. Hanke does not work for the Granite City Sewage Treatment Plant. He works for the one in Sauget.

The only job he has ever had for the city is alderman.

MR. MRS. E.L. BUTTS  
2117 Edison Ave.

# Attorneys take 'no talking' seriously

**GRANITE CITY** — Arguing a case in the newspapers is a "no-no" for lawyers, as I was twice reminded last week, but silence makes a reporter's job difficult when he's trying to balance and confirm information.

I was reintroduced to the "no-talk" position for the first time last week when I talked with Paul Stormont Jr. of the Stormont and Read law office in Belleville. I wanted to know if he was going to be the attorney for Jack Bruce, who is accused of the April 30 double-slaying of Carl and Susan Hoffman. I also wanted to know if he planned to seek a change of venue.

The questions were the logical outcome of a meeting with Glenda Her-

mann, the woman to whom Bruce gave the power of attorney several weeks ago. She said Dorothy Bruce, Jack's mother, hired Stormont. Also, Hermann said Stormont would seek a change of venue.

Judges don't look kindly on attorneys who grandstand to the newspapers. But we went only to confirm information, not seek

something new. Stormont does not have to answer questions, but it makes it hard for a reporter when he can't get the best possible substantiation for his information.

As an "extra," Hermann called Friday to say she was upset with the story that appeared Thursday. What upset her and Dorothy about the story, Hermann said, was that it sounded like we weren't sure Stormont was Jack's attorney. I explained we weren't and why.

The other instance of an attorney not wanting to argue a possible legal case in the newspaper occurred when I asked the city's attorney, Mark Goldenberg, if he thought the proposed occupancy permit ordinance was constitutional. The question seemed logical to me

because the council had just heard Lawrence Taliana, an attorney representing the retailers, make the law appear questionable on Fourth Amendment grounds.

Since Taliana gave an opinion on the ordinance, I wanted to balance it with an opinion from someone with equivalent legal standing — the city's lawyer. But Goldenberg didn't want to discuss the ordinance.

We understand that arguing a case in the newspapers can put an attorney in an uncomfortable position when he goes before a judge.

But saying nothing leaves a reporter in the difficult position of trying to assemble the best possible information without being allowed to have all of it.

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## McAmish graduates as new state police officer

Trooper Mark A. McAmish, Granite City, a newly appointed state police officer, has been assigned to Illinois State Police District 11 at 101 W. Main St., Collinsville.

McAmish is one of 31 recently appointed state police officers graduating from the Department of State Police Academy in Springfield. His class was the 80th since the Illinois State Police were organized in 1922.

Class 80 received 16 weeks of classroom and field instruction prior to assignment to the field. Courses presented at the Academy included criminal and traffic laws, accident investigation, physical training, self-defense, emergency first aid and defensive driving.

McAmish is a graduate of Granite City High School and attended Belleville Area College. He was a member of the U.S. Air Force and completed the USAF Law Enforcement Academy in 1981.



Mark McAmish

The new trooper has interests in photography and swimming and is skilled in open-water scuba diving. The son of Bill and Pat McAmish of Granite City, he resides in Granite City with his wife, Tina Louise.

## Candidates to file Jan. 19

Monday, Jan. 19, is the first day for filing petitions for candidacy for the April 7 consolidated general election.

It is also the celebration date of Martin Luther King's birthday, the question has been raised whether city and village clerk offices must be open to receive petitions.

"Even though Martin Luther King's birthday is a legal holiday for your office, you must be open for petition filings," County Clerk Evelyn Bowles is advising them.

"As in the past, I would suggest that candidates who have questions should make inquiry to your offices or to the county clerk's office," she said.

"This procedure will eliminate a great many problems and misunderstandings. Please understand this is merely a suggestion and not intended to interfere with the orderly conduct of your office," she told the municipal clerks.

## Annexation could be decided in April

GRANITE CITY — Petitions have been filed to put the annexation of two unincorporated areas on the April ballot.

The City Council passed two ordinances Tuesday night, one dealing with the annexation of Wilshire Manor, Steelcrest, Gorbic, and Town & Country subdivisions, and the other including Bellemeor Place, Miracle Manor, Evergreen, and Greater Granite Heights subdivisions.

CITY ATTORNEY Mark Goldenberg said petitions were filed with the circuit court Thursday to get the question on the April 7 ballot.

The court will determine if it will allow the question on the ballot. The court will examine the ordinances and legal descriptions of the areas, and hold a public hearing, said Alan Ortals, economic development director.

If voters in the proposed annexation areas decide to annex, the areas would become part of both Granite City and Granite City Township.

OFFICIALS in Nameoki and Chouteau townships can then determine if residents there object to being annexed into Granite City Township.

Most of the proposed area is in Nameoki Township except for a small portion, bounded by Morrison, Pontoon and Nameoki roads, that is in Chouteau Township.

## County will foot election bill

GRANITE CITY — The county will pay for election costs if annexation of two unincorporated areas is put on the April ballot.

Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowles said Wednesday she wouldn't know how much the election would cost until she determines the number of eligible voters, the areas and precincts involved, and the number of polling places that will have to be manned.

THE COST to the city will be a \$10 filing fee to get the circuit court to have the question considered for the ballot, said Alan Ortals, economic development director.

Residents in the proposed annexation areas, Bowles said, will vote by precinct.

"There's no problem with that," she said. "We do it all the time."

BOWLES SAID she may have more than one precinct vote at a polling place since the proposed annexation areas do not coincide with precinct boundaries. This would save the county money, she said.

Nameoki Township Trustee Norma Hall said the township would not have paid the election costs.

## Surplus food will be given

Officials in Chouteau, Nameoki and Venice townships and at the Salvation Army have announced they will give out surplus government commodities beginning this week.

Distribution dates are Jan. 15 and 21 at the various sites, officials said. COMMODITIES will include processed cheese, rice, butter, dry milk, honey, cornmeal and flour.

The rice, dry milk, honey, cornmeal and flour are all in short supply and persons will be asked to take their choice of one.

All products will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis by ticket number received at the door: TO BE ELIGIBLE to receive commodities, persons must be residents of the township where they are getting the commodities.

They must be the head of a household or the spouse, have their Social Security number, and sign an affidavit that their total household income is within the guidelines.

Recipients are to bring some proof of residency other than a driver license or voter registration card.

AN UNPAID utility bill, a property tax statement, a current rent receipt with the address or a public aid card or medical card is adequate, officials said.

Monthly income guidelines are as follows: one-person family, \$558; two in the family, \$754; three persons, \$950; four persons, \$1,146; five persons, \$1,342; six persons, \$1,538; seven persons, \$1,733; eight persons, \$1,929; and \$198 for each additional member of the household.

Chouteau Township will start its distribution at 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 15.

THE SITE will be the Chouteau Township Social Center, 697a N. Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

Venice Township will give out commodities at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Engelbert Hall, 10th Street and Washington Avenue.

Madison Township officials said commodities will be given only at the hall, and recipients must present a signed affidavit before receiving the commodities.

Nameoki Township will give out commodities starting at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21. The food will be given out at the township hall, 4250 Highway 162.

THE SALVATION ARMY, 3007 E. 23rd St., will conduct its distribution of surplus food to Granite City Township residents Wednesday, Jan. 21. Recipients will only be allowed to pick up commodities for themselves.

The scheduled starting time is 9 a.m.

The Salvation Army is also in need of grocery sacks to bag commodities for recipients.

OFFICIALS ARE reminding recipients that honey should not be given to children younger than 18 months of age.

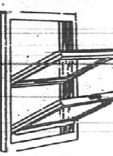
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GSFR 058-01 Home Air Conditioning & Refrig.	2	2	7:00-9:50	T \$10.00
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GSHM 058-03 Upholstering (Begins Jan. 26)	2	2	7:00-9:50	
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GSFD 050-05 Physical Fitness (Begins Jan. 26)	1	1	7:00-8:50	W
GSFD 050-06 Physical Fitness	1	1	7:00-9:50	T
GSFR 070-03 Refresher Typing	2	2	6:50-9:51 M	\$ 5.00
GSFR 078-03 Auto Body Repair (Begins Jan. 26)	2	2		\$10.00
GSVR 120-04 Auto Mechanics (Begins Jan. 26)	2	2	6:50-9:51 M	
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## Faces four battery counts, resisting

Dean L. Culver, 25, of 2224a Benton St., was arrested on four counts of battery, a charge of resisting arrest and a criminal damage to property allegation at his apartment building at 2:10 a.m. Jan. 3.

Responding to a disturbance call there, officers were met in the front yard by Dale Dotzauer, who said a troublemaker in his apartment was being restrained there.

Culver, Dotzauer and Rebecca Dotzauer were with several friends at the apartment. When Dotzauer left, an argument began, with Culver allegedly kicking Rebecca Dotzauer in the face and fighting with Douglas Haver. Haver alleged being bitten in the thigh and struck on the chest as he wrestled Culver to the floor.

Rebecca Dotzauer sustained swelling and redness to the right cheek and Haver had pain in the left knee and bruises on the right thigh. Another woman guest alleged being hit by Culver. A bedroom door sustained damage.

At police headquarters, Culver allegedly tried to kick and strike a police sergeant and pushed at other officers, also grabbing a door handle and shoving his shoulder between the door and frame, before being placed in a cell.

## Burglary case dismissed

A charge of burglary against Arthur M. Glynn, 18, of 1150 Second St., Madison, was dismissed Dec. 8 by Madison County Associate Judge Charles Romani Jr. on a motion by the state's attorney. The charge was filed Oct. 24 after an investigation by Pontoon Beach authorities.

## BURGLAR SEEN IN AUTO

Mark Hankins, 2817 Roosevelt Ave., saw an unknown teenage boy inside his auto parked in the rear of his home at 1:38 a.m. Jan. 7. When Hankins approached the auto, the youth exited the car and fled on foot. The boy was described as 5 feet 6 inches tall, in his mid-teens and wearing dark clothing. Nothing was taken from the auto.

## VENICE MAN GIVEN WARRANT

Robert Watson, 35, of 1218 Robin St., Venice, was served a Livingston County warrant Jan. 6 alleging he failed to appear at a hearing on charges of speeding and driving with a suspended license.

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## \$60 taken in armed robbery

GRANITE CITY — An armed robber made away with \$60 Wednesday from the Shoe Place, 1406 Madison Ave.

An employee told police he was working behind a counter at the store at 11:35 a.m. Wednesday when he heard someone enter. When the employee looked, he saw a man with his back to him.

The intruder turned around toward the employee, reached inside his jacket and pulled out a gun.

"This is a stick," the man said. The intruder, who was wearing a bandanna over his face, demanded money. After the employee got the money from a cash drawer, the man hit the employee, knocking him over a table.

The robber told him to sit behind the counter and not to get up for 30 seconds. He then fled on foot, walking south on Madison Avenue, and then turned left on 14th Street.

The man was in his late 20s, 6 feet tall, of muscular build and had an Afro hair style. He was wearing blue jeans, a gray shirt and black leather gloves and jacket.

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## TWO INJURED IN MISHAP

Donna F. Warren of 4702 Kirkpatrick Homes and her passenger, Rick Motes, 16, of 2403 Kirkpatrick, were injured at 3:03 a.m. Jan. 6 when Warren's auto was struck in the rear by a pickup truck driven by Kenneth Myers, 36, of Alton, at Edwardsville and Nameoki roads.

## CANNABIS CHARGES FILED

Two Granite City boys, ages 14 and 16, were charged Jan. 6 with possession of cannabis after police saw them smoking a cannabis cigarette at Niedringhaus and Maple avenues. The boys were released to their parents on notices to appear at a hearing.

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## Ladies Sodality install

Newly-elected officers of St. Elizabeth Ladies Sodality were installed at the annual Christmas dinner party, held in the school cafeteria.

Those elected to serve during the coming year include Mary Ann Gensert, president; Kathy Hooser, vice-president; Nancy Norris, secretary; and Pam Ames, treasurer. Joanne Waymire, the retiring president, officiated at the installation.

Maggie Grobowski and Jan Polach were co-chairmen of the party and were assisted by the eighth grade room mothers. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Mrs. Gail Mueller and the Swing Choir from Granite City High School.

Gifts and cards were presented to the teachers and employees of the school and the church staff. Money was also collected and will be given to a needy family selected from the parish.

The quilt of the month was awarded to Mary Searle.

Priest winners for the evening included Ann Pare, Pat Weathers, Mary Holloway, Linda Logan, Shirley Wendel, Beverly Foote, Millie Chongko, Isabella Kreher, Phyllis Schaus, Kathy Hooser, Phyllis Shaver, Rhonda Kolher, Ethel Mueller, Rose Klotz, Betty Welborn, Clara Tanase, Kathy Gresham, Carol Mathes, Jean Vrenick, Dot Hanne, Becky Foote, Judy White, Debbie Schwarzkopf, Marianne James, Mrs. Scrum.

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Other prizes were awarded to Pat Loftus, Barb Shambro, Mararet Rimarchik, Roberta Lambert, Victoria McQuay, Lee Ann Moran and Judy Bequette.

Cookies and punch were served by the eighth grade room mothers.

Helene Bischoff, president, presided at the Christmas meeting of the Nameoki United Methodist Women, at the church. Dorothy Wallace gave the opening prayer. The United Methodist Women membership song was led by Susan Bernaia, who was accompanied at the piano by her mother, Gladys Russell.

Alta Stewart introduced the program for the evening, entitled "Gifts of Receiving." The program was given by all of the women forming a circle, lighting individual candles, and weaving their yarn together. As this was being done, Mrs. Bernaia sang Christmas carols.

Prayer for the Fellowship of the Least Coin was given by Dorothy Luckert.

It was announced that at the January meeting there will be a prayer and self-denial program. A layette shower will also be held, with the items collected to be distributed by the Council of Church Women.

Also announced was the Lydia Circle's Christmas party at Jerry's Cafeteria and the Every Member Busy Circle's meeting at the home of Betty Weaver for a Christmas party.

Following the business portion of the meeting, all of the members packed tins of homemade cookies to be delivered to shut-ins from the church.

Others attending the meeting were Dorothy Sinnott, Fern Gieselman, Diane Baker, Mary Bailey and Millie Clement. Hostesses for the evening were Alma Cowan and Luan Briner.

## Church events, guests visit

The Rev. Earl C. Lovejoy was the guest speaker at Faith Chapel Church, 664 Ashland Ave., for the morning and evening services Sunday.

The Rev. Doyle Smith was scheduled as the speaker for the Wednesday night services. Teenagers and young adults attended their regular first-Monday skating party at the rink in Concord Village, St. Louis. A bus left at 6 p.m., with Nell Hicks in charge.

Airman 1st Class Blake Weeks, Sheppard Field, Texas, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd (Charlene) Weeks, and son, Kirk, of Columbia, Mo., visited Blake's grandmother, Mrs. Lois Weeks, 128 Cynthia Lane, during the holidays.

Leonard Weeks, 125 Douglas Place, suffered a heart attack while shopping in a sporting goods store in St. Louis. He was taken to Christian Northwest Hospital and later transferred to Christian Northeast, where he underwent tests Monday.

Mrs. Sue McGlawn, 4921 Hills Ave., has just returned from a holiday trip to Missouri. She visited her children and grandchildren, a son, Donald Taylor and wife, of Villa Ridge, Mo., and her son, Jim Taylor and wife, Earline, and their son, Jimmy, in Clever, Mo.

Mrs. McGlawn shared a family dinner hosted by Jim and Earline, who also accompanied her on a shopping trip and dinner in town.

She also visited her daughter and son-in-law, Jay and Claudia Hesselton, Brookline, Mo., before returning home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Hilda) Sullivan, Las Vegas, Nev., traveled here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Sullivan's niece, Mrs. Virginia Presley. While here they have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Ann Roy) Bixler, 909 East Chain of Rocks Road.

Mrs. Presley's mother, Ruth Angla, and Ana Roy Bixler and Hilda Sullivan are the daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Warneke, who were longtime Mitchell residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee (Velma) Presley, 612 Barkley Ave., returned from a trip to Tennessee, where they spent Christmas week visiting their son, David Presley and wife, Bianca, and their children, Larry and Missy, in Clarksville.

The Presleys enjoyed visiting, dining out and shopping at the Clarksville shopping centers. They also visited their grandson, David Presley Jr. and wife, Tracy, also of Clarksville. David and Tracy are the parents of a three-week-old

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Maxine Duniphan  
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girl. She has been named Jessica Lynn Presley.

The Presleys returned home in time to spend the New Year holidays with family members. They hosted a New Year's Day buffet dinner in their home for 25 relatives, including Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Sue) Battreal of Atlantic Beach, Fla.

The Battreals returned to Florida Sunday morning.

Mitchell School fifth grade Girl Scout Troop 321 sang Christmas cards for the senior citizens of Chouteau Township at their Christmas banquet.

Among those participating were Cindy King, Gina Miskell, Amy Goodwin, Michelle Colbert, Belinda Richee, Becky Pryor, Jodie Kern, Jodie Wheeler, Chris Hamm, Lori Krug and Angela Steele.

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## Sarah Shelton marks birthday

Sarah Ann Shelton celebrated her eighth birthday with a skating party at the Stardust Skating Center given by her parents, Fred and Barbara Shelton.

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# Obituaries

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## Bush

Ruth (Taylor) Bush, 89, of St. James, Mo., formerly of Mitchell, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1987, at Marka Nursing Home, Mascoutah, where she resided for one year. She was in ill health for three years.

Mrs. Bush was born in Reardon, Ill., and lived in the Mitchell area for 35 years. She was of the Protestant faith.

Her husband, Arwin Bush, died May 13, 1964.

Survivors include one son, James Bush, Granite City; a daughter, Mildred Taylor of Louisiana; a brother, Clark Taylor of Mattoon; 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at James and Gahr Funeral Home, St. James, Mo., with burial at High Gate Baptist Cemetery, High Gate, Mo.

## Campos

Mrs. Paula Campos, 95, of 1647 Maple St., died at 10:09 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 1987, at Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, where she was a patient one week.

A resident of Granite City for the past 67 years, Mrs. Campos was born in Mexico.

Her husband, Bartolo Campos, died July 8, 1985.

Mrs. Campos was of the Catholic faith. She was a member of the Mexican Honorary Commission of Granite City and for five years attended the Hispanic Center Church in St. Louis.

Among the survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Philip (Jessie) Jaimet and Mrs. Lucille Delgado, both of Granite City; a son, Juan Torres of Detroit; one sister, Mrs. Hermelinda Tarvares of Chicago; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Pieter Funeral Home, 1929 Cleveland Blvd., handled arrangements here. The body was taken Saturday to Kriegerhauser Funeral Home, St. Louis.

## Livingston

Norman C. Livingston, 74, of 1410 30th St., Highland, a former longtime resident of Granite City, died at 9:11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 1987, in the emergency room at St. Joseph Hospital, Highland, where he was taken from home.

Born Feb. 12, 1912, in Iberia, Mo., Mr. Livingston resided here 42 years ago, before moving to Highland 10 years ago.

He retired in 1973 from General Steel Industries, where he was employed 34 years as a press operator.

Mr. Livingston was of the Protestant faith.

Among the survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lorene (Shelton) Livingston; a son, Gary Livingston of Highland; five brothers, Leslie, Berry and Herbert Livingston, all of Iberia, Herman Livingston of Osage Beach, Mo., and Curtis Livingston of Honolulu, Hawaii; two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Adams of DeSoto, Mo., and Mrs. Ruby VonGrenp of Iberia; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel for Funeral, 2801 Madison Ave. Friends may call 877-6500 for details.

## McElroy

Lloyd "Mac" O. McElroy Sr., 87, of Granite City, died at 7:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

A 40-year resident of this area, he was born in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Mr. McElroy worked as an electrician for 17 years at Granite City Steel before retiring.

He was a member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1, St. Louis, for 41 years. He attended Bethel Chapel Pentecostal Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elva Dora McElroy, in 1984.

Survivors include a son, Lloyd McElroy Jr., Cape Girardeau; one daughter, Mary Adams, Bridgeton, Mo.; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Lorenberg Funeral Home, Cape Girardeau. Burial will be at Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Jackson, Mo.

## Schreiber

Robert J. Schreiber, 59, of Jerseyville, Ill., formerly of Granite City, died at 4:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 1987, at St. Joseph Hospital in Alton.

He was born in East St. Louis and lived in Granite City until moving to the present address 10 years ago.

Mr. Schreiber worked as a pipefitter for 32 years through Locks 568 of St. Louis until he retired. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the VFW post in DeSoto, Mo.

He was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his wife, Muriel (Carver) Schreiber; three sons, Robert Jr. and Chris Schreiber, both of Columbia, Mo., and Frederick Schreiber, Decatur; two daughters, Alice Rhoads, Jerseyville, and Donna Conway, Golden Eagle; two

sisters, Virginia Austin and Josephine Beuckman; both of Belleville; and six grandchildren.

A 10 a.m. Mass was celebrated Saturday at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Jerseyville, with burial in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville. Visitation was at Jacoby Brothers Funeral Home, Jerseyville.

## Sensabaugh

Mrs. Aline (Harris) Sensabaugh, 72, of Colonial Haven Nursing Home, 3900 Stearns Ave., died at 12:25 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she was a patient one day. She was ill and a resident at the nursing home for the past five years.

Born July 8, 1914, at Charleston, Mo., Mrs. Sensabaugh resided for 25 years in Granite City. She formerly lived in St. Louis.

She and her husband, Perry Tom Sensabaugh, were married in 1939 in Charleston, Miss. He died in 1949.

A son, Billy Joe Sensabaugh, died in 1986.

Mrs. Sensabaugh was a member of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church.

Among the survivors are two daughters, Mrs. John (Cora) Besserman of Granite City and Mrs. Richard (Zora) Brown of Tampa, Fla.; four sons, Tom Sensabaugh of Granite City, John W. Sensabaugh of Garden Grove, Calif., the Rev. Carl Sensabaugh of St. Louis and Terry Sensabaugh of Flat River, Mo.; 25 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave., with the Rev. Ralph Totten officiating. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, 2901 Nameoki Road.

## Smith

Ogle Smith, 80, of Granite City, a former street department employee, was pronounced dead in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center at 7:07 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 1987, following a traffic accident at Rock Road and Cayuga Street. A related story appears on Page One in today's issue.

Born Aug. 31, 1906, at Wolf Lake, Ill., Mr. Smith resided 60 years in Granite City.

He was employed 20 years by the Granite City Street Department and worked eight years for the Metro East Sanitary District.

Mr. Smith was a member of Teamsters Local 525 and retired as a chauffeur in 1975.

He was of the Protestant faith. His wife, Mrs. Evelyn (Harper) Smith, died in 1982.

Among the survivors are his daughter, Mrs. Lionel (Rosalie) Portell of St. Peters, Mo., formerly of Granite City; a son, Darrel Smith of Granite City; a sister, Mrs. Flora Messmore of Grant Fork, Ill.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation starts at 3 p.m. today (Sunday) at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave., where services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville.

## Rites on Friday for Lonnie Hankins, 70

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave., for Lonnie Hankins, 70, of Granite City. He died at 2:50 a.m. Jan. 8, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Burial was at Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville.

## Services held for Cathy Foster, 31

Funeral services were held at 9 a.m. Friday at Irwin Chapel for Cathy Foster, 31, of Granite City.

She was pronounced dead at 7:20 a.m. Jan. 7, 1987, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center emergency room.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Tom (Betty) McGee, a sister, Mrs. Joe (Sheri) Lynn Kuehnle, and a niece, all of Granite City. She was preceded in death by her father, Guy Foster, in 1955.

Burial was at Douglas Cemetery, Milton, Ill.

## Mrs. Blankenship dies in Greenville

Henrietta (Eakle) Dixon Blankenship, 69, of Greenville, Ill., mother of Mrs. Blankenship, died in Greenville, Ill., at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 1987, in Greenville.

She was born in Smithboro, Ill. Other survivors include her husband, Richard, Blankenship, four other children, Floyd Dixon, Cahokia, Ronnie Dixon, East Carondelet, and LaWanda Moore and Rose Lewis, both of Cahokia, and four brothers, Laverle Eakle, Greenville, Kenneth Eakle, Jackson, N.J., Harold Eakle, Van Wert, Ohio, and Charles Eakle, Penn.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Dasher Funeral Home, Dupu, with burial in Valhalla Gardens of Memory, Belleville.

## Gates

### State orders gate for Lake Drive

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freight trains traversing a crossing that is used by 1,500 vehicles per day, the potential hazards are obvious," he said.

"Automatic flashing light signals and gates will enhance safety for rail and vehicle traffic at the crossing."

"The Grade Crossing Protection Fund was created explicitly for the purpose of improving hazardous rail crossings."

"THE GENERAL Assembly has continued to appropriate more money to the fund because it is one of the most successful safety programs in the state," Vadalabene said.

State Rep. Sam Wolf of Granite City said, "Our federal highway taxes and state motor-fuel taxes were designed to pay for safety projects like the one in Pontoon Beach and I am pleased to support it."

### Mark Twain to buy Edwardsville bank

Mark Twain Bancshares Inc. has agreed to acquire majority interest in Edwardsville National Bank and Trust Co. for \$8.87 million in cash.

Mark Twain would purchase the holdings of Edwardsville Management Co., owned primarily by Alan Baer and George Krause, both of Omaha, Neb.

John Fruit, president of the bank, said the transaction requires regulatory approval and should be closed in about six months.

Other bank personnel staff are expected to remain with the bank. Fruit described the purchase as "very positive."

"It gives us an opportunity to grow and expand our customer services," he said.

He said Mark Twain is a "very strong, business-oriented bank," while the Edwardsville bank has concentrated on serving small-business and retail establishments.

"This should be a positive combination," Fruit said. "I expect to see some growth and aggressiveness."

Edwardsville National Bank, which has its main offices at 100 St. Louis St. in downtown Edwardsville, had assets of nearly \$71.3 million on Sept. 30.

Mark Twain, with assets of \$1.26 billion on Sept. 30, has 20 financial service locations in the St. Louis and Kansas City areas.

The Edwardsville bank is Mark Twain's second Illinois acquisition. Earlier in 1986, Mark Twain agreed to buy Bankers Trust Co. of Belleville.

John Dubinsky, president of Mark Twain, said he was pleased the company was able to acquire banks in two county-seat communities as its financial services acquisitions program.

The purchase will allow the company banking rights throughout Madison and St. Clair counties.

## Career Advisory meeting Tuesday

The annual spring banquet for employers and students involved in the Granite City School District's Off-Campus Education Program will be discussed by the Career Advisory Council at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday.

The advisory group will meet for a "Dutch treat" dinner at Charlie's Restaurant. Don Shaffner, off-campus education coordinator, said Friday.

Council members unable to attend are being asked to contact Shaffner at 877-1512, station 46, Monday.

A program update will be presented by Dr. Alton. Also on the meeting agenda is a report about the health occupations extended classroom program.

## Lester LeCompte, Dupu, dies at 88

J. Lester LeCompte, 88, of Dupu, died Dec. 31, 1986, in East St. Louis. He was born in French Village and worked for the Missouri-Pacific Railroad before retiring. Mr. LeCompte was a board member of the Columbia Sportsman Club and Superior Lawn Club.

Survivors include one brother, Edward LeCompte; two sisters, Mrs. Loretta Hager, St. Louis, and Mrs. Rose Billich, Madison; and five grandchildren, including Larry Moskop, Granite City.

The Rev. Robert Walker officiated at 11 a.m. services Jan. 3 at the Dasher Funeral Home in Dupu. Burial was at Valhalla Gardens of Memory, Belleville.

## Menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday-Fruit and crackers, peanut butter sandwich, fruit cup.

Tuesday-Meat loaf, whipped potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, chilled pineapple.

Wednesday-Sloppy joe on bun, tator tots, baked beans, chilled fruit cup.

Thursday-Taco with cheese, lettuce and tomato, buttered vegetable, cherry cup.

Friday-Fish sandwich, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, chilled applesauce.

Madison Public Schools

Monday-Chicken fried steaks, French fries, fruit cup.

Tuesday-Hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, jello.

Wednesday-Tacos with lettuce and tomato, buttered corn, pineapple.

Thursday-Pork choppettes, whipped potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, chocolate cake.

Friday-Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, fruit gelatin.

Venice Public Schools

Monday-Blackened beef and ham, cornbread, pickled beets, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday-Sloppy joe on bun, French fries, sliced peaches.

Wednesday-Fried chicken, green beans, buttered corn, chocolate pudding.

Thursday-Polish sausage, sauerkraut, whipped potatoes, chocolate cake.

Friday-Tuna noodle bake, buttered peas, pear halves.

Sacred Heart St. Joseph

Monday-Hamburger on bun, French fries, sliced cheese, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes.

Tuesday-Canneloni, green beans, slaw, raisin and nuts, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday-Barbecue beef sandwich, chives, peas, pickles, orange jello.

Thursday-Pizza, corn, salad, cherry cobbler.

Friday-Nachos with cheese, green beans, slaw, peanut butter bread, vanilla pudding.

St. Elizabeth

Monday-Pizza, corn, cherry cobbler.

Tuesday-Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pumpkin pie.

Wednesday-Tacos, lettuce, cheese, corn, fruit cup.

Thursday-Spaghetti with meat sauce, buttered vegetables, chocolate pudding.

Friday-Chicken noodle soup, crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, jello with fruit.

St. Margaret Mary

Monday-Hot dog on bun, tator tots, sliced cheese, cherry cobbler.

Tuesday-Fish, buttered corn, celery and carrot sticks, raisins, nuts.

Wednesday-Chili or chili mac, crackers, sliced cheese, pickles, fruit.

Thursday-Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, lettuce, applesauce.

Friday-Fish, buttered noodles, buttered peas, slaw, fruit.

St. Mary's

Monday-Hot beef with gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, raisins.

Tuesday-Chili with crackers, peanut butter sandwich, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday-Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, peas.

Thursday-Taco salad, corn, applesauce.

Friday-Toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, peanuts.

Senior Citizens

Monday-Hot dog on bun, baked beans, cole slaw, pineapple.

Tuesday-Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, pear slices.

Wednesday-Cubed steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, cake.

Thursday-Chicken and dumplings, green beans, apricots.

Friday-Fried fish, baked potato, cole slaw, lemon pudding.

Head Start

Monday-Hamburger goulash, broccoli and cauliflower, apricots, roll with margarine.

Tuesday-Vegetable soup, saltines, bologna and cheese on bread, apple slices.

Thursday-Tuna noodle casserole, cole slaw, fruit cocktail.

Friday-Sloppy joe on bun, mixed vegetables, pears.

## Cable

### New cable rates

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rate increase, but we could make it uncomfortable for them," Echols said.

The mayor also asked City Attorney Lawrence Hartman to get a copy of current cable system regulations from the Federal Communications Commission.

BARRY BABCOCK, Cencom executive vice president, said Wednesday the Jan. 1 increase has standardized rates everywhere.

"It was a big mess before, with different communities paying different rates."

"The only good thing I can say, if your rates have increased (more than others), that means you were paying less than other communities before," Babcock said.

## Board

### BAC trustees look at GC repairs

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GCC is LOCATED at the intersection of Illinois 203 (Nameoki Road extension) and Maryville Road in Granite City. It is a 14-year-old building that used to be Granite City High School North. The heating and cooling units are original equipment.

Not to do the repairs, said Wissore, would cost the school in excessive heating and cooling bills and continued maintenance.

"It's time to replace them," Wissore said. "It doesn't have to be done today or the campus will close." But, "It's going to be much more expensive to keep these units as they are," he said.

The repairs would include replacing two units which are not working and rehabilitating the others, Wissore said.

THE TAX LEVY would have utilized the state's Life Safety law authorizing school districts to levy up to five cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for state-approved projects.

The board cannot re-introduce the tax measure because the Illinois Community College Board authorized the tax only if it passed by the end of 1986.

The board must now decide where the money will come from or whether to cancel the projects. IF THE BOARD keeps the projects, similar funding options are to be row the money through a bond issue, take the money from another school fund or cut expenditures in several areas.

The issue is expected to be on the agenda at the board's Jan. 21 meeting at BAC's Red Bud campus.

## Focus

### For 50 years he's done taxes

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"If your original return is not accepted, you don't know what you turned in," he said.

Many people, Harrison said, go to tax consultants that are open from January until April. He said this creates difficulties if problems arise with their return after April.

THOUGH MOST returns are legitimate, Harrison said the IRS needs more inspectors to crack down on tax offenders.

Harrison remembered one year when two brothers consulted him about their taxes. One of the brothers was married with no children and making a large income, Harrison said. The other was married, had eight children and was earning a small income, he said.

The men wanted Harrison to transfer deductions on their returns, he said, but he didn't.

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## Grassroots

Upcoming meetings of Quad-City Area governmental taxing bodies include:

Tri-City Regional Port District, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2801 Rock Road.

Nameoki Township Board, 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 4250 Illinois 162, Long Lake Fire Protection District, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 4113 Pontoon Road.

Pontoon Beach Village Board, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 3910 Illinois 111.

Madison City Council, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1539 Third St., Madison.

Venice Township Board, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1502 Fifth St., Madison.

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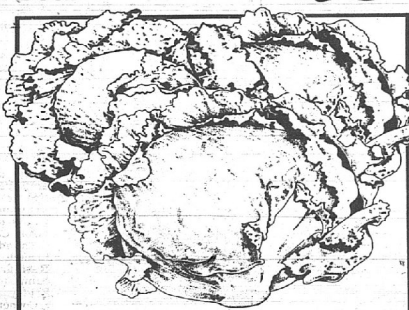
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# Entertainment

## School secretaries hold holiday party

Granite City Educational Secretaries held a holiday party at the Collinsville Hilton in the Sangamon-Clinton Room, which was decorated with a Christmas tree and holiday centerpieces on a U-shaped table that seated 36.

Arlene Haldeman, club president, gave the blessing. After dinner, Charles Varber, a Granite City High School student, attired as Santa Claus, helped committee members Vera Smolar and Marge King give out prizes and exchange gifts.

Prizes were donated by merchants of Granite City and by members Vera Smolar, Pat Uzunoff, Marge King, Harriet Mercer and Irene Hatcher.

Entertainment was furnished by Kim Asbeck, Gina Roddy and Susan

Arth, high school students; and Sarah Fielding, 6 years old; and Benjamin Asbeck, 10, students of Frohardt School.

The group played violins, trumpets, cello, piano and guitar, and sang Christmas carols. The five have studied the Suzuki method of music, utilizing repetition as an aid to learning.

Kim Asbeck, who was in charge of the group, is a member of the SIUE orchestra and the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra, and has performed with the Conservatory and School of Arts Young People's Orchestra. She has been to Iceland and Sweden with the Suzuki SIUE String Tour, and is a member of the band, chorus and swing choir at the high school. Susan Arth is a member of

the advanced mixed chorus and swing choir, and Ben Asbeck is a member of the Frohardt band.

President Haldeman presented a gift to Phyllis Pickrel, bookkeeper at GCES, who is leaving for Mesa, Ariz., with her family to join her husband. He has been transferred by McDonnell Douglas of St. Louis.

Alice Campbell was appointed as corresponding secretary to replace Pickrel.

Committee members for the party were Irene Hatcher, chairman, and Vera Smolar, Pat Uzunoff and Marge King.

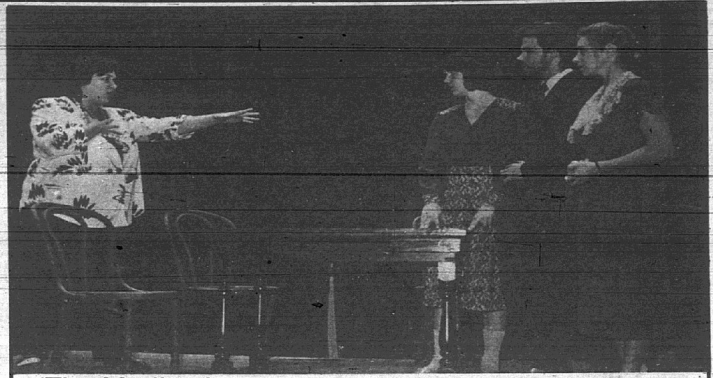
Other members present were Georganne George, Donna Swanson, Gladys Zukas, Berta Milianis, Irene Williams, Michelle Haldeman, Barbara Schreiber, Marge Burdige, Sonya Ohanesian, Priscilla Consiglio, Dorothy Larner, Marcella Pilcher, Millie Chandler, Betty Harris, Wanda Page, Lee Guenther, Sylvia Theis, Barbara Hediger and Louise Moad.

Retirees attending were Lucille Caban, Lucy Stuckey, Gladys Wallace, Helen Toney, Wanda Kutner, Arlene Smith, Dorothy Luckert, June Schneider, Dee Yates and Helen Favier.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. at Parkview School, Dr. C.A. Rapoff, chiropractor, will be the guest speaker.

### Accepted at Greenville

The admissions office of Greenville College has notified David Kaltmayer that he has been accepted for the fall term of the 1987 academic year. Kaltmayer, who will complete his program at Granite City High School in 1987, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kaltmayer, Granite City. Now in its 95th year, Greenville College has students from 30 states and 16 countries.



### 'The Medium'

**DISTURBING THE SPIRITS:** After a disturbing occurrence at a seance, Virginia Kelly of Edwardsville, playing the role of Madame Flora, orders her clients out of her parlor in this scene from Menotti's "The Medium." Along with a scene from Act I of Puccini's "La Boheme," "The Medium" will be presented at SIUE by the Opera Players Jan. 16-17. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. both days in the Communications Building Theater. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for SIUE students and senior citizens. Portraying the clients in "The Medium" are Melissa Bollinger of East Alton, N. Kelly Stotz of Granite City and Jaci McIlwaine of Alton.

## Coming events

### Meetings

**DIVORCED/SEPARATED** Catholics of Southern Illinois will meet Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Eckhard Hall, St. Boniface Church, 110 N. Buchanan, Edwardsville, to hear Dale Maxfield, director of religious education at St. Paul's School, Highland. Newcomers are welcomed.

### On stage

**ON THE 20TH CENTURY**, a musical comedy, will be presented by the Mury at the Fox Theater, St. Louis, today, Jan. 11, at 2 and 7 p.m.

**THE CONQUERORS** by Gilbert and Sullivan is being presented at the Edison Theater in Washington University's Mallinckrodt Center today, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m.

### Other events

**LOW-VISION WORKSHOP** will be held Thursday, Jan. 15, from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. at the Dr. Tom Dooley Center, National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, 9500 W. Illinois 15, Belleville. Two films will be shown: "What to Do When You Meet a Blind Person" and "Not Without Sight."

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March 4 - Wills, Estates, Probate and Taxation

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## Past 50 years have brought TV, frozen food, polio vaccine, pensions

A better mousetrap doesn't literally appear on "the list." But the device is an apt metaphor for each of the goods and services that "revolutionized our lives" during the past half century in the eyes of editors of Consumer Reports magazine.

Among 50 items selected by the independent, product-rating publication — to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its non-profit parent, Consumers Union — is a cornucopia of everyday or once-in-a-lifetime purchases and services.

Some, such as black-and-white television, air conditioners, credit cards, supermarkets, fast-food, polio vaccine and antibiotics, were shoo-in choices for the list.

Others, nominated by the editors after consulting with a variety of outside authorities, are perhaps not-so-obvious selections — things like running shoes, disposable diapers, the 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado (the first full-size, front-wheel-drive U.S. car), latex paint and paperback books.

And some choices, like the G.I. Bill, are government programs.

Yet all the finalists, Consumers Union Executive Director Rhoda Karpulkin says, rise above the ordinary and "deserve a place in the history of consumption."

Working with the list, the Cooper-Hewitt Museum, the Smithsonian's national museum of design in New York City, has highlighted all 50 items in a special exhibition, something akin to completing a giant jigsaw puzzle, according to project coordinator Lucy Fellows.

Visitors can inspect a laundry area, check out a VCR and a hi-fi along a media wall and see what's freezing in a 1940s Hotpoint refrigerator. A retirement policy is tucked in a bedroom drawer.

"This exhibition," Fellows explains, "reawakens ideas in our minds of the goods and services we have taken for granted. Products have become so ingrained that we forget their influence on everyday life."

Adds researcher Jack Lafond, "We have known most about past civilizations from the most common objects."

By coincidence, another Smithsonian exhibit — "New and Different:

Home Interiors in 18th-Century America" at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., underscores among other things that Americans have long been avid shoppers.

Two centuries ago, the quantity and variety of home furnishings changed dramatically as Americans themselves changed politically and socially. Increasingly, consumers could choose from many goods as manufacturing advanced, transport improved. Britain aggressively marketed new wares and Colonial shops began to let the competition beware.

The rocking chair, for starters, was an American invention. Stationary Windsor and ladder-back chairs were cleverly transformed into rockers. For the first time, a broad cross-section of Americans could sit down and relax in comfort, although many would never sit in an expensively upholstered easy chair.

George Washington was one early American consumer who did. His concern for quality is illustrated in a revealing letter he wrote in 1758 to a London purchasing agent about some items ordered for his Virginia estate, Mount Vernon.

"I...can't help again complaining," he began, "of the little care taken again in the purchase. Besides leaving out one hair, and the material half foot of the articles I sent for, the crate of stoneware don't contain a third of the pieces I am charged with, and only two things broke, and everything very high priced."

The ring of Washington's complaints grew louder in the 20th century as industrialization and the mass production of everything from cars to toothbrushes pushed buyers and makers farther and farther apart.

Early in the century, a Consumers Union anniversary report notes, "Many Americans could still remember the days when producer and consumer were likely to be neighbors, if not members of the same family. You trusted what went into the bread you ate or the soap you washed with because you knew the person who made it or sold it to you."

By the 1920s, times clearly were

different. Advertising became the chief means of informing consumers about the characteristics of new products, says Michael Harris, an organizer of a consumer movement exhibit, also at the Museum of American History. "Yet advertising was often exaggerated and uninformative, and once there was nothing on many packages other than the brand name and picture of the product."

"Abuse" abounded in the marketplace. In 1906, Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle*, a fictional account of filthy and toxic conditions in the Chicago meat-packing industry, was a tour de force. It became the "most effective muckraking publication of its time," Harris says.

"The novel helped create public clamor in favor of federal meat inspection and aided passage of one of the earliest consumer protection measures, the Federal Meat Inspection Act of 1906."

Systematic consumer-sponsored product testing, an unheard-of concept until the late '20s, was an idea whose time had come. Besides life-threatening issues, consumers were faced with niggling matters.

For example, at one time there were no standard tire sizes, and an automobile company might make a different size tire for every model it produced. Before World War I, 287 different tire types were on the road. Backed by testing facilities, Consumers Union Reports, as it was then known, made its debut in May 1936. As it might do today, that issue evaluated breakfast cereals, soap and stockings, and warned against lead in toys, gasoline, paint and food cans.

Consumer Reports rarely celebrates the products that pass through its laboratories. But in compiling its 50-item list for a book, *I'll Buy That*, the editors noted that "a few of the 100,000 or so products and services reviewed since 1936 have indeed been better mousetraps."

They fall more or less into six categories: Household products — smoke detectors, power mowers and detergents, among others; government and special services, such as VA and FHA mortgages and health insurance; automobiles, one of them, the Volkswagen Beetle,

chosen for "the idea of a practical, inexpensive, reliable car (that) took root among consumers."

Also, electronic gadgetry — LP records, personal computers and the latest compact discs; services such as shopping centers and credit cards; and medical-related goods, including The Pill.

Some of the products and services "have had an impact far beyond their intended sphere," according to Consumer Reports editor Irwin Landau. "The G.I. Bill made a college education something close to a right for all of us. The Pill brought the sexual revolution. Dr. Spock's *Baby and Child Care* book dispelled our rigid notions of 'shoulds' and 'should not's' when it came to child rearing."

On first thought, certain nominated products and services appeared to the editors to be "blandly undramatic or aggressively mediocre." The tract housing of Levittowns, Landau says, may not deserve a place among the architectural achievements of the century, and "yet we doubt that the millions of Americans who made the trek from urban slum to suburban sprawl see themselves as having walked backwards."

What the magazine staff terms the "small wonders" are sprinkled among the list's "big deals." For some products, the line blurs. "Anyone who remembers what it was like to rinse, soak, wash and fold dozens of diapers each week would probably agree that the disposable diaper is a small wonder — maybe even a big deal," Landau says.

Some goods were introduced by carefully honed marketing strategies, while others appeared on the market with little more than a touch of serendipity.

The 1965 Ford Mustang, from which many today's cars descend in styling, was turned loose with a \$10 million campaign targeting "baby boomers" who wanted a sporty car but would soon be hit with children of their own.

On the other hand, Howard Johnson's, the nation's first fast-food franchising outfit, was launched in 1935 somewhat by a quirk. Several years earlier, Johnson had

taken over a patent medicine store in Quincy, Mass. In the basement, he found a hand-cranked freezer, and the rest is history.

The medical advance penicillin first used widely during World War II, also was the product of a lucky discovery when in 1928 the scientist Alexander Fleming returned to his London laboratory to find that a bacteria culture plate had been contaminated by mold blown in from outside. Fleming discovered that the mold he identified as penicillium

had killed off all the bacteria around it.

The consumer list contains products such as refrigerators, trash compactors and clothes dryers that initially met with resistance as well as those — automatic washers and VCRs among them — that were instant hits.

For other products — the home computer is one — the consumer jury seems undecided. What the jury will pick 50 years from now is anyone's good guess.

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## Trial for Bassett to begin Jan. 12

EDWARDSVILLE — The trial of Merle Bassett in an alleged assessment reduction scheme is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday, according to the Madison County circuit clerk's office.

Bassett is charged in connection with an alleged scheme in which assessments on property were lowered in return for donations to a defense fund set up for James Barton, former Madison County supervisor of assessments.

Bassett is the father of Gerald Bassett, who was an assistant to Barton.

Merle Bassett is charged with one count each of conspiracy to commit official misconduct, conspiracy to commit bribery, bribery, obstructing justice and perjury.

Gerald Bassett was convicted in October on charges stemming from the case.

Barton pleaded guilty in December to five charges related to the case.

Another defendant, former Board of Review member Fred Finck, was acquitted of all charges against him. A fifth defendant, Robert "Pat" Quinn, has not gone to trial yet.

Charges were dismissed in regard to the sixth defendant. A judge ruled Jan. 7 that grand jury testimony by lawyer Merle Bassett may be used as evidence against him only as it pertains to a charge that he committed perjury before the grand jury. Bassett resides in Wood River.

before he testified under subpoena on March 8, 1984.

The law requires that any witness who has been charged or against whom an indictment is sought must be advised of these rights. Romani found that Bassett was a target of the state's investigation.

"He was not formally accused, but it is clear that he was marked for prosecution by the prosecuting authorities," Romani said in a written ruling.

Romani said the law in Illinois is that testimony given without such warnings may be used only to impeach a defendant's testimony if he should testify in his own defense.

The judge ruled, however, that the law does not protect a defendant charged with committing perjury in his grand jury testimony. Bassett and others were indicted later in 1984.

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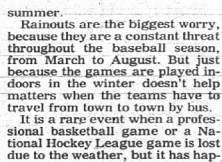
**By Gregg Ochoa**

Ware was the 'Trojans' most effective offensive weapon. He scored eight points in the first quarter and added 10 more in the second, including Madison's first

"Our hard work was the difference tonight," Essington said. "We played very smart. We made some adjustments on offense when we had to and we played with confidence."

Madison is idle until Jan. 13 when they play Lincolnwood in the first round of the Litchfield Mid-Winter Tournament.

emergency. One of the first things you learn in this business is to be prepared for snowouts in the winter and rainouts in the



**THE BEST OF THE BEST:** All-conference football players representing Granite City included (from left) Scott LeVault, Steve Stockman, Jamie Hogan, Tim Hogan, John Kabbendjian, Terry Noud (top Warrior freshman player), Eric Ryterski, Tim Davis and Mike Georgeff. Granite City finished 8-3 this year and won the Southwestern Conference for the first time in 40 years.

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